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Report of County Commissioners

Report of the Commissioners of Monroe County, Ohio, to the Court of Common Pleas, and Reports of Various County Officers, for the Year Ending September 4, 1867.

To the Honorable the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the second judicial district of the eighth Judicial District of the State of Ohio:

The Board of Commissioners of Monroe County, Ohio, in compliance with the law, herewith present their Annual Report for the year ending September 4, 1867.

In presenting this Report the expenses of the county have been increased, owing to the destruction of the Court House and County offices by fire, on the night of June 13, 1867. The fire originated in a building owned and occupied by D. Walton as a grocery store, and was separated from the Court House by a narrow alley, and the fire spread to the Court House, and the next morning the Court House and County offices were reduced to a pile of ruins. The loss of the Court House and County offices is a great calamity to the county, and the most valuable books in the office were saved, as well as the money in the Treasury. We have purchased the lot adjoining the Court House lot, so that in the erection of a new Court House the building will be isolated, and by making it fire proof the same casualty will not be likely to occur. The levies of the year have been sufficient with two exceptions.

The condition of the separate funds is exhibited by the Auditor's detailed Report of Receipts and Expenditures, hereto attached.

Abstract of Official Transactions.

January 1st to September 4th, 1867.

Joseph Baker presented a petition for the alteration of a county road. View and survey granted.

E. R. Mason presented a petition for the vacation of a county road.

Daniel Neuhart, who was elected County Treasurer on the second Tuesday of October, 1865, for two years, has given bond to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, and having been duly sworn, enters upon the duty of County Treasurer.

F. A. Lamping presented a petition for a county road. View and survey granted.

The report of the viewers for the road petitioned for by Adam Riebeck being favorable, said road was established and the following damages awarded: G. H. Davenport \$16; Henry Shapp \$15; Sterling Jones \$25; George Mason \$5.

Wm. Read was allowed \$3 for repairing safe and door lock in Treasurer's office.

The Trustees in Benton Township were allowed \$100 out of road fund for repairing roads.

Thomas Martin presented a petition for an alteration of a county road. View and survey granted.

B. Hine was allowed \$2.25 for blacksmithing performed on local house.

Ohio vs. Jas. Farrier. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ohio vs. John Bennett. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ohio vs. G. W. Adams. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ohio vs. Pisco & al. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ohio vs. Solomon Weaver. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

The sum of \$6,550 was allowed from the General Road Fund for grading and repairing the road leading from Woodsfield to Belmont County line; also \$500 from said fund to repair the road direct from Woodsfield to Malaga.

Jas. R. Morris was appointed to examine Treasurer's and Auditor's account from September, 1865 to September 1866, and report at next meeting of Commissioners.

Allowed G. S. Sloan, County Surveyor, \$8 making plat of road leading from Woodsfield to Clarion.

Allowed A. Pierson \$3, notifying County Surveyor to meet Commissioners this session.

Allowed \$12,150 out of General Road Fund for grading and repairing road leading from Woodsfield to Clarion, through Cameron by way of Hurst Run; also the sum of \$500 to repair the road leading from Sunfish Bridge to the head of Fishpot; also \$1,000 to repair the road leading from Woodsfield to Lewisville, thence to Noble County line, and \$300 on the road from Woodsfield to Antioch; also the sum of \$1,000 to repair the road leading from Beallsville down Atkinson's Run.

Ordered that the Military Relief Fund remaining in the Treasury, amounting to \$10,750.75 be transferred as follows: \$8,053 to the General Road Fund; \$2,700.75 to the County Expense Fund. Further ordered, that the Military Fund (communication) remaining in the County Treasury, amounting to \$1,778, be transferred to the General Road Fund.

Allowed Wm. Rose \$5 for spotting on Recorder's office.

Allowed Armstrong John \$10, going to Martinsville to receive Shepherd, on a charge of murder, on a requisition of the Governor of Virginia.

Ordered that the Auditor be authorized to have a window put in the East side of the Treasurer's office.

Allowed \$140 to the Town Council of Clarion, and \$260 to the Trustees of Salem Township, as apportioned at the July session, to be worked out on the roads in said township and corporation.

Ordered that the order made at the July session, 1866, allowing \$2,000 to S. P. Jones to expend on the road leading from Woodsfield to Clarion, is revoked.

Ordered that the Auditor issue an advertisement in the "Spirit of Democracy" for receiving bids for a bridge to be built across Muskingum Creek in Benton Township.

Ordered that the road funds remaining in the Treasury be apportioned as follows: \$5,000 on the roads leading from Woodsfield to Clarion, and \$3,000 on the road leading from Woodsfield to Ford's mill, Miltonburg and Belmont County line.

SPECIAL SESSION, Oct. 11, 1867.

The Trustees of the several townships presented their accounts of work done on roads in their townships, agreeably to an order made by the Commissioners July 23, 1866; said accounts were examined and allowed as follows, to wit: Adams Township \$200, Bethel \$100, Benton \$250, Green \$250, Woodsfield \$170, Malaga \$450, Ohio \$400, Perry \$200, Salem

\$250, Clarion \$140, Seneca \$240, Summit \$200, Sunbury \$250, Beallsville District \$58, Switzerland \$270, Washington \$220, Wayne \$150.

Allowed Stephen Hancock, superintendent of third district of Woodsfield and Clarion road for road, timber, &c., \$365.

Allowed J. J. Hurd, superintendent of second district on Woodsfield and Clarion road, for work, blacksmithing and superintending, \$420.

Allowed Wm. Preshaw \$186.87, work on Beckett's Hill road.

Allowed John P. Spriggs \$177, balance of fees as Prosecuting Attorney for the year 1866; also \$7.70 fees on collections made for county.

Allowed H. Hoefler \$25 for making annual report of County Commissioners to Court Common Pleas.

Allowed H. Minsterman \$3 from Road Fund for boarding lands working on road.

Allowed Wm. Read, superintendent of first district of Woodsfield and Malaga road, for work, tools and blacksmithing, \$635.45.

Allowed Thomas Little, superintendent of first district of Woodsfield and Clarion road, for work, tools, lumber and superintending, \$352.59.

Allowed Henry Ford, sen., \$300 for work done on Ford's Hill road.

Ordered that Daniel Truex be appointed superintendent on the road leading from Beallsville down Atkinson's Run to Cameron.

DECEMBER SESSION, 1866.

F. A. Lamping who was elected Commissioner at the election held on the second Tuesday in October, 1866, having been duly sworn to fulfill the duties of his office entered upon the duties of Commissioner for Monroe County.

Charles Algeo presented a petition for the alteration of a county road. View and survey granted.

Joseph Neal presented a petition for an alteration of the county road leading from Beallsville to Woodsfield. View and survey granted.

George Theis presented a petition for a county road from Sandis to Woodsfield. View and survey granted.

Ohio vs. Flowers. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ohio vs. Enos Givens. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

The vacation of the county road petitioned for by H. R. Mason at September session, ordered that so much of the road as goes up the run through the land of H. R. Mason and Henry Mason be vacated.

George Ford and others presented a petition for an alteration of the county road leading from Woodsfield to Miltonburg. View and survey granted.

Ohio vs. Shatts. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Entered into an article of agreement with Stephen Atkinson for a piece of ground for a road.

Ordered that the Trustees of Seneca Township be paid \$250 out of Bridge Fund for a bridge across Wills Creek.

Allowed D. Walton \$14, carrying poll book of Judge's election to St. Clairsville, Belmont County.

The report of the Trustees of Salem Township of an alteration by them made on the road from Beallsville to Cameron, said alteration granted, and \$18 for damages awarded to John Siedelacker, to be paid out of County Treasury.

The report of the Trustees of Adams Township of an alteration by them made on the road from Cameron to Beallsville, by way of Atkinson's Run, on account of said roads having been washed away by recent freshets; there being no damages said alteration was granted.

The report of the viewers for an alteration of the county road petitioned for by Thomas Martin et al being favorable, said alteration was granted and the following sums awarded for damages: To Rachel White \$25, Smiley Pryor \$30, James Worley \$65.

Allowed J. J. Hurd \$50 for an alteration of the county road petitioned for by Joseph Baker & al being favorable, was granted, and the following sums awarded for damages: To John Smyth \$40.

Allowed A. D. Driggs \$54.52, goods furnished for lunatics.

Allowed P. & R. Koehler \$22.52 for merchandise furnished lunatics and county jail.

Allowed S. L. Mooney & Co. \$3.50 goods furnished county.

Allowed D. S. Neuhart \$34.78 for window in Treasury office.

Allowed D. Walton \$17.30 for lamp oil for county offices.

Ohio vs. Davis & al. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ohio vs. J. Fry. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ordered, any person, riding or driving, who shall go faster than a walk over the bridge across Wills Creek shall be fined \$5, to be recovered before any justice in the township where the bridge is erected.

Entered into a contract with Fouts & Townsend for the erection of two bridges over Muskingum Creek for the sum of \$6,300.

W. T. Simlar, who was elected Probate Judge at last October election, presented a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties, which being satisfactory he enters on the duties of his office.

Allowed P. A. Lamping \$80 for work done on Marietta road.

Allowed Jones & Morris \$6.74 merchandise for lunatics.

MARCH SESSION, 1867.

Samuel Grimshaw, who at the last October election was elected to the office of County Auditor, presented a bond and security to the amount of \$15,000, which being satisfactory and having been duly qualified enters on the duties of his office.

J. G. Krig presented a petition for a county road in Benton Township. View and survey granted.

Nathaniel Cline presented a petition for a county road on the Woodsfield and Marietta road. View and survey granted.

David P. Noll presented a petition for an alteration of the county road leading from Barnesville to Woodsfield. View and survey granted.

John Cline presented a petition for an alteration of the county road leading from Graysville to the Washington County line. View and survey granted.

Ohio vs. Anderson. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Allowed G. H. Davenport \$30.48 for merchandise and stationery for county.

Ordered that the Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$50 for transporting and sustaining, to the Lunatic Asylum at Columbus all insane persons, and the same sum for returning them to their residence.

The report of the viewers for the county road petitioned for by G. Theis being favorable, said road was established and the following damages awarded: Josephus Goddard \$65, M. G. Farmer \$30.

The report of the viewers on the Miltonburg and Woodsfield road received. Etab. Nollmeyer of road suspended till next session.

The report of the viewers of an alteration of the county road leading from Beallsville to Woodsfield being favorable, said road is established, and \$29 damages awarded to M. Hillman.

The report of the viewers of an alteration of county road petitioned for by G. Algeo et al being favorable, said road is established and \$22 damages allowed Henry Boehmer.

Allowed D. Walton \$36.20 for merchandise and stationery for county.

Allowed Jas. R. Morris \$4.76 for stove pipes, blower, &c., for county offices.

Allowed E. & N. Koehler \$2.26, clothing for lunatics.

Allowed Jas. R. Morris \$4.00 for examining Treasurer's accounts.

Allowed Daniel Neuhart \$15, work done to Treasurer's office.

Jas. R. Morris who was appointed at the September session of 1866 to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer finds that Wm. Read, late Treasurer, has overpaid at the annual settlement of 1865 and 1866 \$157.03; ordered this amount to be paid out of the County Treasury.

The order of expending further proceeding on the road petitioned for by Thomas Ford was reconsidered. The report of the viewers being favorable said road ordered to be established on the petitioners paying the following damages: To Wm. Shell \$7.64, J. G. Amos \$6.76, Adam Krebs \$2.32, Sam'l Miller \$300.

Ohio vs. A. Goodline and Stephen Dougherty. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Allowed Jones & Morris \$4.00 for a pair of pants for a prisoner.

Ohio vs. John Stephens. Ordered that the costs in this case be paid out of the County Treasury.

Ordered, that William Read be paid \$5.00 for case in Treasurer's office.

Ordered, that there be levied for the year 1867 one mill for bridge purposes, to be collected in money and paid over to the Trustees of each township.

Ordered, that the Auditor write to G. W. Fouts, in Washington County, to proceed to Clarion to secure the bridge across the mouth of Sunfish Creek.

Ordered, that the amount of \$72.92, military fund remaining in the County Treasury unexpended, be transferred to County Expense Fund.

SPECIAL SESSION, April 9, 1867.

Allowed Wm. Rose \$14.45 stove pipes, blower, &c., for county offices.

Allowed Wm. Read \$10.00 work done in Court House.

Ordered, that the Auditor issue a notice in the "Spirit of Democracy" for the purpose of receiving proposals for grading the Schell Run road.

Entered into an article of agreement with S. P. Jones to make and grade the road known as Hurd's Run road.

SPECIAL SESSION, May 23, 1867.

Ordered, that a survey of the road of M. Blower from Woodsfield to the other side of M. Blower's residence.

Allowed B. Hine \$1.00, making hobble for prisoner.

Allowed Wm. Read \$5.50, furnishing lumber and repairing Court House steps.

The following damages were awarded to parties on Hurd's Run road: Alfy Jones \$5.00, Harriet Thomas \$5.00, Nancy Nichols \$25.00, Anna Willison \$20.00.

No contract having been accepted for the Schell Run road, ordered that another advertisement be issued for proposals for making said road; also proposals for making the Cline Bridge road, Benton Township, and the Lamping Bridge road.

JUNE SESSION, 1867.

T. S. Cleveland and others presented a petition for alteration of county road leading from Calais to Barnesville. View and survey granted.

H. H. Lingo et al presented a petition for view and survey of county road between Woodsfield and Beallsville. Granted.

A petition was presented from Thomas Hayden and others asking for alteration of road between Woodsfield and Belmont county line. Ordered grant of view and survey.

Isaac Mitchell and others presented a petition asking for review and survey of the county road leading from Clarion to Blair's Run. Granted.

Ordered that the costs in the case of Ohio vs. Dayton Turner be allowed.

Ordered, that a levy of one and one-half mills be levied for county expenses, seven-tenths of a mill for County Infirmary and three mills for road purposes.

Ordered, that the Auditor insert a notice in the "Spirit of Democracy" for sealed proposals for 800 bushels of coal for county offices and jail.

The report of the viewers of the county road petitioned for by David S. Noll at the March session, being favorable said road was established and the following damages awarded: Allen Ramsey \$10, Frederick Reif \$5, David Hurd \$5, Joseph Myers \$10, Jeremiah Tracey \$100. Notice given of appeal, both from assessment of damages and establishment of road.

The report of the viewers of the road petitioned for by John G. Krig, at March session, 1867, being favorable, said road was established and the following damages awarded: To Bartholomew Diegel \$15, James Bradford \$20.

The report of the viewers of the road petitioned for by John G. Krig, at March session, 1867, being favorable, said road was established a public highway.

Ordered, that the Auditor be allowed \$500 annually in lieu of fees as by act of Legislature April, 1867.

Ohio vs. Finney. Ordered that the costs in this case be allowed.

Allowed Allen Pierson \$3.25 for coal, lime and whitewashing.

Allowed S. P. Jones 1,000 for work performed on Hurd's Run road, as by agreement on contract.

Allowed D. Walton \$3.51 for stationery, lamp oil, &c., for office.

Allowed P. Schumacher 150 for work performed on the road from Woodsfield to Beallsville.

Paid Stephen Atkinson \$32.35 for lumber, posts, nails, &c., on the Sunfish road as per contract.

Ohio vs. Margaret Hall. Costs in this case ordered to be paid.

Contract entered into with Thomas McMahon to grade and stone a piece of road between Clarion and Woodsfield for the sum of \$5.00.

Ordered, that George L. Gillespie grade a piece of road between Woodsfield and Clarion, known as Gillespie's Hill, for the sum of \$25.00.

Ordered, that S. H. Cline grade and finish the road leading from Brownsville to Graysville for the sum of \$35.00.

Ordered, that John Cline grade and finish the road connecting at the west end of Cline's Bridge for the sum of 400.00.

The contract for the delivery of 800 bushels of coal was awarded to Edward Yost at 15 cents per bushel.

Ordered, that the sum of \$500 be paid to the Trustees of Sunbury Township to be expended by them on Township roads.

Ordered, that the sum of 500.00 of said appropriation on Atkinson's Run be expended and worked out by S. P. Jones.

Ordered, that Jeremiah Tracey grade and finish the Tracy Hill road, for \$75.

Ohio vs. John Wayt. Ordered that the costs in this case be allowed.

May 1 John Glasser flour and groceries, \$2.00

2 D Walton groceries, \$2.81

3 A Sharp flour, \$1.70

4 E P Swan conveying pauper to Inf., \$5.00

5 John Coffee soap, \$8.00

6 Kirkwood & Bargarbcher coffin, \$7.00

7 John Glasser flour and groceries, \$2.00

8 Jas Spence quarter's salary Sup'ts, \$25.00

9 Jas Spence moving fence, \$5.00

10 John Glasser groceries, \$2.78

11 Ann Morris butter, \$2.75

12 Stephen Dougherty Director, \$2.50

13 E Dreesel groceries, \$2.30

14 P & N Koehler groceries, \$4.43

15 J. S. Spence moving fence, \$5.00

16 John D. Morris cattle, \$45.00

17 D Neuhart conveying three paupers to Infirmary, \$10.50

18 D Neuhart hardware, \$8.05

19 E P Swan plants, \$2.50

20 Jones & Morris merchandise, \$7.16

21 John Glasser merchandise, \$1.70

22 P. Diehl merchandise, \$1.70

23 R P Eby conveying pauper to Infirmary, \$2.50

24 Jacob Lohart do, \$7.75

25 Ann Morris butter, \$1.60

26 Sylvanus Connor 1 cow, \$30.00

27 August 1 H Dillon boarding outside pauper, \$12.00

28 S. D. Ulom 1 cow, \$5.00

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30 John Glasser groceries & flour, \$3.29

31 D Walton groceries, \$6.70

32 S. W. Shonheart cupping pauper, \$5.00

33 S. L. Koehler & Co merchandise, \$43.97

34 James Willard Com, \$25.00

35 Sep 2 Jas Spence quarter's salary Sup't, \$25.00

36 Wm Baker 4 hogs, \$24.00

37 Wm Baker beef, \$29.90

38 John Glasser groceries, \$2.88

39 M Baker fees as Director, \$25.00

40 Proceeds of sale of bull, purchased of pasture of cow and calf, purchased corn, \$17.00

41 Jesse Jackson Director, \$25.00

42 Wm Walton visiting patients as physician, \$10.00

Total, \$3,364.64

Auditors Annual Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of Monroe County Ohio for the year ending Sep. 4, 1867.

Sal. in Treasury Sep. 4, 1866 21,040.82

Amount collected on Duplicate, 10,797.05

Comm. School Fund from State, 1,487.40

Alton, \$1,069.31

Section 16 Interest, 2,446.83

Sec. 16 collected by Treasurer, 449.28

Sec. 16 rent collected by Treasurer, 1,078.50

Military Fund collected, 572.92

Teachers Fund, 97.75

Total, \$33,644.99

EXPENDITURES

Paid to Treasurer of State, 15,019.02

By orders redeemed, 122,186.47

Treasurers Fees, 1,414.28

Sal. in Treasury Sep. 4, 1867, 6,393.68

Total, \$148,983.44

Expenditures in Detail--Amount Paid Township Treasurers for School and School House purposes.

Adams Township, 1,615.10

Benton, 1,547.21